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'NOT GUILTY' IS SMALL JURY VERDICT

Rathenau, German Foreign Minister, Murdered

IS SHOT TO DEATH BY 2 ASSASSINS

Both Assailants Escape in Motor Car After Shooting.

Berlin, July 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Dr. Walter Rathenau, German minister of foreign affairs was assassinated today.

The minister was shot and instantly killed as he was leaving his residence in Grunewald, a suburb of Berlin, for the foreign office in an automobile. The assassin escaped.

The murderers, who were driving in a motor car, slowed up as they were nearing Dr. Rathenau and shot twice at the foreign minister, the shots taking immediate fatal effect. Putting on high speed the assassins escaped.

Dr. Rathenau was a guest at dinner last night of Alanson B. Houghton, the American ambassador. On receiving news of the assassination of the foreign minister this morning the American embassy promptly hoisted its flag to half mast.

Death Comes Quickly.

There were two persons in the automobile from which the shots that killed Dr. Rathenau were fired. His car was nearing his house and had reduced its speed when the machine containing the assassins was encountered.

Both the occupants are said to have opened fire on the foreign minister who fell to the floor of his car, mortally wounded, expiring shortly afterward.

Large forces of police were quickly on the scene and a search was dispatched in the direction the murderers are believed to have taken.

The assassination of Dr. Rathenau followed hard upon a vitriolic attack on the foreign minister by Dr. Karl Helfferich in the reichstag yesterday when the Nationalist leader, the government generally, and Dr. Rathenau in particular, concerning the cabinet's reparations policy and its attitude towards the populations of the Rhineland and the Saar valley.

Socialists Blame Helfferich. News of the assassination reached the reichstag just when the commission on taxation had convened. Chancellor Wirth announced the assassination, on which pandemonium broke out among the various party groups. Two Socialists jumped up, shouting to Dr. Helfferich: "You are the assassin."

They attempted to pounce upon him and Dr. Helfferich hastily left the committee room.

In one of the reichstag lounges a heated outbreak of recrimination occurred between deputies belonging to the left and a party of representatives of the other extreme in the chamber.

When the news was communicated to the reichstag itself at 11:25 o'clock it was received with deep emotion. Then amidst a turmoil, the reichstag adjourned.

Berlin, June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Following the assassination of Foreign Minister Rathenau, it was announced this afternoon that the government would immediately decree the establishment of extraordinary courts for the trial of Nationalist plotters and would proclaim a state of emergency for Prussia. All regimental reunions or militaristic demonstrations will be prohibited.

DENONCES LA FOLLETTE.

Sioux City, Iowa, June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—A. Severance, president of the American Bar association, in an address before the Iowa Association, denounced Senator La Follette for his flag day attack on the supreme court.

TAFT HAS TO BUY NEW GOWN TO GET OXFORD DEGREE

London, June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Oxford University has no academic gown large enough to fit the ample proportions of William Howard Taft, so the former president had a tailor to take measurements for a new robe, in which, next Wednesday he will receive the degree of doctor of laws.

When it was announced that he was to appear at court there was much speculation as to whether he would wear the customary costume, including knee breeches, as worn by Ambassadors, or whether he would wear the ordinary evening dress.

GEN. FOREMAN SENT TO PROBE HERRIN RIOTS

Governor Is Angered At Hunter and County Men.

Springfield, Ill., June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—"Lack of guts" on the part of Sheriff Melvin Thaxton of Williamson county and the killing of two union miners by guards last Wednesday, were two of the causes assigned for the massacre of 25 strike-breakers, in a report made over long distance telephone to Adjutant General Black by Major General Milton J. Foreman this afternoon.

Waukegan, Ill., June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Following receipt of a report from Major General Milton J. Foreman at Herrin, that troops were not needed there now, Governor Len Small announced at 2:30 this afternoon that he probably would order Adjutant General Black to demobilize the 1,000 men being held under arms at Chicago.

Springfield, Ill., June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Adjutant General C. E. Black announced at 10:15 o'clock this morning that he had not received any telegram from counsel of the Southern Illinois Coal company asking that troops be sent to Herrin, in anticipation of a further outbreak. The general said the military board is now at Herrin and that he is awaiting their report.

Herrin, Ill., June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—A state military investigation of the Lester mine massacre, which took between 25 and 40 lives, began today by a board headed by Major General Milton Foreman of the state militia, acting under orders from Governor Len Small.

The orders were issued when the chief executive became aware of the failure of local officials to take any steps against the miners who captured and killed the majority of strike breakers working in the strip mine.

General Foreman and his committee reached here about 5 o'clock this morning, motoring from Carbondale after reaching there by train at 4 a. m. They were met by Colonel Samuel Hunter, of the adjutant general's office, who has been here since the massacre. His orders to return to Springfield today were cancelled and he immediately became a guide for the military board.

General Foreman and the officers accompanying him proceeded immediately to Marion, the county seat, where conferences with State Attorney DeLoach, and Sheriff Melvin Thaxton, were planned.

Tour Flight Area. A tour of the area of the fight was made and it was expected that the following day, when something of the disorders would be called before the board.

General Foreman has been instructed particularly to learn why the state's attorney had not taken steps toward convening a special grand jury, why the coroner's inquest had not been held, and why these officials repeatedly refused to authorize Colonel Hunter to call for troops, even after an indignation meeting of miners was held the day before the fighting began, and during the following day, when almost unheard of deeds of cruelty and brutality were committed, also was a point to be investigated.

Another matter to be looked into was why numerous requests from the governor for information, and yet the trouble makers were ignored by county authorities and why, when he was receiving scores of telegrams from private citizens telling of the outrages, he was continually informed by the authorities that the situation "was well in hand," and that the troops were not needed.

There was little doubt that General Foreman and his board would not receive a welcome of any particular cordiality from the county.

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RACE SCHOONER SINKS; 15 LOST

Halifax, N. S., June 24.—The schooner Puritan, out of Gloucester, prospective contender in the international fishermen's race next fall, has been wrecked on Sable Island. Advice received here stated that seven men had reached shore, but that 15 were missing.

ROCK ISLAND GATES OPEN TO VISITORS

Gayly Bedecked City Prepared for Rush of Guests.

Rock Island, already attired in its best garb was putting on the finishing touches, and dabbing at its nose, with a powder puff, figuratively speaking, prepared to meet thousands of Veiled Prophets who will hold their Supreme Council session in the tri-cities next week, beginning Monday, and continuing until Wednesday night.

The arrival of the grand officers of the Supreme Council scheduled to take place at 11 o'clock tomorrow night over the Milwaukee road, will immediately precede the advent of the groto hosts who are traveling to Rock Island from all points of the compass.

Members of the Amoo groto committee on hospitality appointed officially by the Rock Island organization in reality represents the heart of this community. They will receive their final instructions tomorrow morning in the Y. M. C. A., and when they begin their duties tomorrow night and welcome visiting prophets they will be as truly representative of the rank and file of Rock Islanders as they will their own groto.

Hospitality, spelled in capitals, is to be the keynote of the Prophet session.

For from now on until and including the Fourth of July, Rock Island is to be host to thousands upon thousands of people aside from the big groto meet.

Parade Attracts Throngs. Multitudes will swarm into the city to attend the Trans-Mississippi Exposition and the opening of the exposition, and beginning Monday will devote themselves energetically to the pleasing task of entertaining the delegates to the 33rd annual session of the Supreme Council of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm.

That is a very imposing title, but it simply means that they divide the playground of Masonry with the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and although they are separate and distinct orders they both stand for mingling the sunshine with the shadows in the great scheme of life.

Delegations of Prophets will be

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THE WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Sunday. Cooler.
Highest temperature yesterday, 95; lowest last night, 74.
Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 5 miles per hour.
Precipitation, none.
12 m. 7 p.m. 7 a.m. yesterday, today.
Dry bulb 90 92 76
Wet bulb 73 73 68
Rel. humidity 41 39 86
of 1 last 24 hours.
Sunset today, 7:42; sunrise tomorrow, 4:29.

River Forecast.

The Mississippi river from below Dubuque to Muscatine will change but little during the next two days.
ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

Washington, June 24.—Weather outlook for the week, beginning Monday, included:
Region of Great Lakes: Generally fair except for a probability of local thunder showers latter part of week; temperature above normal.
Region of upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: generally fair and warm, but with probability of local thunder showers of middle of week.

William G. Rockefeller, 81, Oil Magnate and Brother of John D., Dies of Pneumonia

Tarrytown, N. Y., June 24.—William Rockefeller, oil magnate and brother of John D. Rockefeller, died here today from pneumonia, shortly before 7 o'clock.

Mr. Rockefeller had been ill at his home, Rockwood Hall, in North Tarrytown, since Sunday, but word of his condition was not made public.

Five doctors, under the charge of Mr. Rockefeller's personal physician, Dr. W. J. Robertson, were in attendance when the end came. Mr. Rockefeller, who contracted a heavy cold during the rains of the last week-end, had just completed building a \$250,000 mausoleum in the Sleepy Hollow cemetery. The mausoleum was constructed according to his own plans and under his personal direction.

One of Richest Men.

Mr. Rockefeller, who was 81 years old, had not recently been active in business, although he was active head of the Standard Oil company of New York from its establishment in 1865 until 1911. Although somewhat overshadowed by his elder brother, John D. Rockefeller, William was one of the richest men in America.

Almost the only time when his activities claimed much newspaper space was in 1912 and 1913, when the congressional committee investigating the "money trust" combed the country for him as a witness. He was finally located at Nassau, Bahamas Islands, and returned to Florida. When an effort was made to question him later he was seized with such spasms of coughing that the committee was warned by his physicians that it might cause his death if the examination was continued. It then was admitted that he was suffering from cancer of the throat.

John D. Not at Bedside.

Mr. Rockefeller began to sink yesterday morning. John D. Rockefeller remained at his home in Pocantico Hills, but was kept constantly informed of his brother's condition. He reached Rockwood Hall a few minutes after the end came. At the death bed were Mr. Rockefeller's two daughters, and two sons. Mrs. Rockefeller died about two years ago.

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CENSORS FLAY 'MERMAIDS' OF CHICAGO BEACH

Mere Belt Does Not Constitute Two-Piece Suit.

BY MARGARET DALE, Consolidated Press Correspondent. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Chicago, June 24.—"You call that a two-piece suit?" roared the censor at the fashionable Clarendon avenue beach.

His stentorian tones were directed at a dripping beauty—and she was all of that—who had just emerged from the spray. His blazing eyes were fixed on the simple line of her neat but swimmable suit. The maiden opened her mouth to protest as she pointed to the white belt that encircled her very slender waist.

"Doesn't the belt make a two piece?"

But two policemen already were hustling her away just in time to prevent apoplexy on the part of their chief.

"Go home and learn to dress according to the regulations," he was heard to sputter after her.

The summer war between the mermaid and Mme. Grundy is on. Formal opening of the municipal beaches along Chicago's lake shore has brought the reformers into sharp conflict with the swimmers. There are arguments of the hair-splitting variety in progress most of the time. The city bathing costume regulations are in print but sometimes it needs a tape measure to determine whether the censor or the swimmer is in the right.

The insistent clamor of the officials that girls shall not "swim in any old thing" this summer, but that each shall wear a suit adhering to the prescribed regulations is met by an indignant cry from the girls that one cannot cut the waves in heavy skirts.

"Give us freedom in costume equal to that of the men," they insist.

A. F. OF L. AGAIN IGNORES SOVIET

Federation of Labor Goes on Record Third Time Against Recognition of Bolsheviks. Cincinnati, O., June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—For the third successive year, the American Federation of Labor was placed on record by the action of its convention here today against recognition of the soviet Russian government.

DEAD OIL KING



WILLIAM G. ROCKEFELLER.

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UNION MINERS LEAVE HERRIN COAL FIELDS

More Than 150 Men Pass Through Carbondale.

Carbondale, Ill., June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—More than 150 miners from the Herrin district passed through here last night and early today, going out of the district and into the coal mines in the two nights previous, and it was only after the announcement that the governor's commission would meet in Herrin today that the number increased to such an extent as to cause comment.

Those that could be approached would give no reason for this exodus and the names of the men were likewise not available.

There were no noticeable number of transients from the coal mines in the two nights previous, and it was only after the announcement that the governor's commission would meet in Herrin today that the number increased to such an extent as to cause comment.

McDowell Parents Arrive. The father and mother of C. K. McDowell, arrived here early today and met a man from Herrin whose name could not be learned.

This man advised them not to proceed to Herrin at this time, but the elder McDowell disregarded this advice and left for Herrin. The mother remained here to meet McDowell's wife, who is believed to be on the way here from St. Louis.

A man giving the name of Adams and his home at Logansport, Ind., one of the wounded strike-breakers, also passed through here last night. He had walked about 20 miles from Herrin to this railroad center following the fight, and while here refused medical attention, although plainly in need of it. He left by train.

LESTER BLAMED BY FARRINGTON

State Miners' Head Says Trouble Came from Attempts to Run Mines Non-Union.

St. Louis, Mo., June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The trouble at the Lester mine, near Herrin, Ill., was precipitated by the coal company attempting to run the mine non-union, with imported strike-breakers, under armed guards, Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois branch of the United Mine Workers of America, said in a formal statement issued here today.

TEXANS LYNCH NEGRO.

Houston, Texas, June 24.—Warren Lewis, 18 years old, negro, was hanged at New Dacus after confessing to a mob that he had assaulted a white woman.

EXPO MECCA FOR KIDDIES OPENING DAY

Elders, Too, Find Plenty to Interest and Amuse Them at Show.

Thousands streamed through the big 20-foot entrance to the Trans-Mississippi Exposition and Pageant of Progress when the big show was thrown open to the public this morning, beginning an exhibit which will continue to the night of July 4, when a magnificent fireworks display will bring to a close what is undoubtedly one of the best attractions in the middle-west.

Today was "Children's Day" and the "kiddies" were there in force, many being found waiting near the archway gateway at an early hour this morning.

With wondering eyes they beheld the paradise within, and more than a few parents will be told about it tonight when Johnny and Mabel arrive home.

Art Adams and "Cho-Cho" the circus and health clowns, disputed for first place in the children's hearts, "Cho-Cho" not making his appearance until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Adams' fun-making band, and "Cho-Cho's" feats of legerdemain fascinated the little folks, and the Royal Scotch Highlanders' band made a hit with every boy and girl. And the 20 big free acts which were put on this afternoon, and will be repeated tonight, "Oh, Boy!" one little youngster was heard to remark as the performers were putting on their stunts, "I'll tell the world this is a good show."

The merry-go-round, the seaplanes, and the whips were extensively patronized, and the ponies proved a big drawing card. Patrons of the exposition, young and old will bear witness to the fact that when Arthur Davis, head of the enterprise, said he would stage an attraction which would be first class in every respect, he did not make his expression strong enough, for the exposition is absolutely

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BIG FIRE HITS KNOXVILLE, IA.

Eleven Business Buildings Are Destroyed This Morning; Loss Is \$100,000.

Knoxville, Iowa, June 24.—Eleven business buildings here were destroyed by fire early this morning, causing a loss estimated at more than \$100,000.

The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock and was not brought under control until 5 a. m. The fire departments from Peoria and Oklahe joined the Knoxville department in fighting the flames.

PROPOSES BILL ON CAMP GRANT

Representative Foster, Ohio, Wants Site Selected in Illinois for Reformatory.

Washington, June 24.—A bill authorizing the attorney general to select at the military reservation at Camp Grant, Ill., a site for a United States industrial reformatory for confinement of males between 17 and 30, convicted of offenses against the United States, has been introduced by Representative Foster, Republican, of Ohio. The attorney general would have authority to transfer prisoners eligible for the reformatory from other federal prisons.

JAPANESE TO QUIT SIBERIA

Tokyo, June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Japan will evacuate Siberia by Oct. 30, next, it was learned today.

GREATEST MAN IN CITY FOR 11 DAYS



ARTHUR DAVIS.

The "greatest man in Rock Island" will be Arthur Davis' appellation for 11 days at least. He is the director-general of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition and Pageant of Progress. Months of planning and attention to executive work of the great show were unveiled today to unqualified approval and applause of the townspeople.

PRESIDENT NOT DISTURBED BY WEEKS' SPEECH

Cabinet Men May Express Own Views, He Feels.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Washington, D. C., June 24.—President Harding feels that every member of his cabinet has a right to express himself on any subject without necessarily committing the administration to his view. "This attitude made known at the White house is regarded as the administration's answer to the recent utterance of Senator Capper of Kansas, who suggested that Secretary of War Weeks ought to resign because of his speech suggesting modification of the Volstead law and criticizing the direct primary.

The president has noted the speeches in congress and elsewhere commenting on Secretary Weeks' address, but has not felt that Mr. Weeks was expressing any official administration opinion but was giving simply his own comments. Mr. Weeks as a former member of the United States senate from Massachusetts and before his selection a prominent member of the house of representatives, has had the opportunity to make his own observations of modern tendencies in government and although his speeches have aroused a storm of protest there is every evidence now that Mr. Harding will not take him to task for them even though he may disagree with Mr. Weeks.

Agrees on Primary.

It so happens that on the question of the ill-effects of the direct primary system President Harding is in accord with his secretary of war. Mr. Harding has openly advocated a return to the convention system of nominations. As for modification of the dry laws, the president has not discussed that phase of prohibition at all except to insist that he favored rigid enforcement of present statutes.

Senator Capper of Kansas has, however, accomplished something by his attack on Mr. Weeks. He has forced the White house to differentiate between a cabinet minister's view and that of the administration. Sometimes members of a presidential cabinet take offense if it is pointed out that they are not spokesmen of the administration to which they belong.

AURORA TO HAVE 1923 VETS MEET

(Special Correspondence.) Sterling, Ill., June 24.—Aurora will have the 1923 encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This was decided at the final session today. The officers named this afternoon follow:
Department commander—Sam H. Meyers, Chicago.
Senior vice—L. L. Lancaster, Decatur.
Junior vice—F. L. Ickes, Springfield.

NINE WEEKS TRIAL ENDS AT 3:38 P.M.

Cheers of Friends Shake Rafter of Old Court Building

Waukegan, Ill., June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The jury trying Governor Len Small found him not guilty at 3:38 this afternoon. The jury was out an hour and 35 minutes.

Cheers that shook the rafters of the ancient Lake county court house greeted the verdict. Friends by scores poured through the gates to the bar enclosure, seeking to grasp the governor's hands.

The flashlights of a half dozen photographers boomed and for minutes pandemonium reigned.

Escorted by friends, the governor, Mrs. Small, his sister, Miss Sue Small, and the governor's children, shook hands with the jurors and thanked them.

The jury and the governor and his family formed a smiling group before the jury box and posed for photographers.

Out 1 Hour, 35 Minutes.

The verdict ended a nine-week trial. The jury went out at 2:03 and returned at 3:38 p. m.

"Gentlemen of the jury," Judge Edwards asked, "have you reached a verdict?"

"We have," replied Foreman Alexander Smith, a farmer.

He handed a sealed envelope to the judge.

The court opened it, read the verdict, and silently passed the slip of paper to L. J. Wilcott, deputy circuit court clerk.

"We, the jury," Mr. Wilcott read, "find the defendant, Len Small, not guilty."

Men and women stood on benches, chairs and tables. A mighty, voiced cheer leader with lungs like a bellows led in a rebel yell. Men whistled and women cheered.

WOULD ENJOIN MINERS' UNION

Woman Mine Owner Files Suit for Injunction Against International Organization.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The United Mine Workers of America, and all officers and members of the union, were made defendants in a suit for an injunction filed in United States district court here today by Clara Masson, owner of the Peacock coal mine in Knox county, Indiana.

The court is asked to restrain union miners from continuing activities aimed at closing so-called wagon mines of the state. John L. Lewis was made a defendant to the suit as president of the United Mine Workers of America and as an individual.

TREASURE CHEST TURNS OUT TO BE FLAT BLACK ROCK

Penetanguishene, Ont., June 24.—The Jesuit treasure chest at the bottom of the Wye river has turned out to be a nice, big, flat rock, about six feet long, and the center of the gold-finding quest in disgrace.

Captain Bob Carson, whose dredge moved tons of sand to reach the spot where he had been assured the long-lost golden treasure lay, put on his diving suit and descended to locate the chest and hook chains around it.

When he had been under water about three minutes the bubbles from his air tube increased with such rapidity that onlookers above thought he was under excitement because his search was over.

Excitedly he was hoisted to the dredge and when his helmet was unscrewed the crowd waited with bated breath.

"Up anchor, and put for home," the captain barked. "There's your blasted treasure."

He held up a piece of black rock.